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THE NEW BRAZIL

Brazil's new-look team is already described as the world's best. What do the European experts say — and who's who in the Brazilian team — page 2.

WHO'S FOR DINNER?

Guess who's coming to dinner? Sydney City have invited a World Youth Cup team to be their guests and got a nice surprise in return — Presbox on page 12.

KIWIS BONUS

The New Zealand World Cup players have yet to receive any bonus — and don't even know what they can expect if they reach Spain — page 4.

MELITA ANNOYED

Melita are upset about a petty fine and their spokesman is hitting out hard at the Federation — see our State Report on page 8.

Asian Confed. meets over Kiwi race issue

The Asian Football Confederation is concerned about the implications of the proposed South African rugby union tour to New Zealand.

Last week we reported that China and Kuwait were most unhappy with New Zealand's sporting relations with the South African regime.

This week the secretary of the AFC, Peter Velappan—a high ranking Malaysian government official—said in a telephone interview that he would call a meeting on July 3 in Kuala Lumpur for delegates from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and China.

"I cannot tell you now what their decision will be regarding the New Zealand problem," he said.

"I believe this also concerns FIFA and I plan to seek their advice within a few days.

"I want to find out what views they hold on this issue."

Kuala Lumpur—Velappan's home city—is scheduled to be the host city later this year for the final round tournament for the four Asian-Oceanic group winners.

"It's slightly premature to speculate on the outcome of our July 3 meeting here as we don't even know for sure that New Zealand will qualify.

"But quite definitely, there has to be a policy and a decision on this racial issue," Velappan added.



Rudi Gutendorf: his ghost is searching for Secret Agent 9.98.

Les wants pride

"I want players in the national team who live for soccer," said newly appointed coach Les Scheinflug.

"It's not enough for me that they are up to international standard: they have to be mentally strong and have a burning desire to play for Australia."

Scheinflug, who was appointed by the ASF last week, has a mandate until the end of October. Should he do well with the national and the youth teams, he is likely to have his contract extended for another year or two.

On Monday, he announced the 15 players who will be in his squad for the World Cup match in Adelaide against Taiwan on June 10.

They are:

Maher, Woodhouse, Wheatley, Yzendoorn, Blair, Tansey, Henderson, Katholos, Byrne, Davidson, Barnes, Mitchell, Kosmina, Krncevic and Sharne.

Seven others, also nominated to the squad won't go into camp: Crook, Perry, Niven, Cole, Jankovics, Russell and Boden.

"Bobby Russell has to



Socceroo coach Les Scheinflug.

play matches on Sunday and Monday and it wouldn't have been fair to his club to select him," he said.

"However, I expect he will spend Tuesday and Wednesday with us in the camp.

"Perry has an injury

future."

Young Adelaide striker David Mitchell is certain to be in the starting team against Taiwan.

"I will name the team on Sunday night when I meet the players in our Adelaide motel," Les said.

FULL PSL

Despite the World Cup match against Taiwan on June 10, in Adelaide, the 16th round of the Philips League will go ahead as scheduled on June 7.

Only two of the seven postponed PSL matches have been rescheduled so far.

The Leichhardt v. Adelaide City game will be played on Monday, June 8, at Lambert Park and the Marconi v. Newcastle match will be held on Wednesday, June 17, at 7.30 at Marconi Stadium.

Other matches yet to be played but with no dates:

- Blacktown v. Sydney City;
- Heidelberg v. Lions;
- Sydney City v. Wollongong;
- Brisbane City v. South Melbourne;
- Leichhardt v. Marconi.

RUDI'S GHOST HAUNTS

'SPY HUNT' MAY LEAD TO PRANK

Allegations were made this week that one of the Socceroos had "secretly" taperecorded one of Rudi Gutendorf's team talks before the New Zealand match.

According to a story in an afternoon newspaper, one of the players had smuggled in the taperecorder in his tracksuit.

ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre on Tuesday evening denied that an investigation had been ordered into the affair.

"I guess we'll talk to the players about it in Adelaide on Sunday night," he said calmly.

"If a team-talk was actually taped, it could have just been a silly prank by one of the

players.

"I cannot imagine for the life of me that an Australian player would tape discussions like that for the 'enemy'.

"And why would they have to do it secretly? If they asked Rudi's permission for it he would have been only too happy to plug the recorder in for them."

The afternoon newspaper accused one of the players with the vile crime — but, in usual afternoon newspaper fashion, didn't name him.

With that the reporter managed to smear 22 players — almost certainly all innocent of any wrongdoing.

"I refuse to get rattled about such things any

longer," Le Fevre said.

"I guess we'll find out soon who did what and why and there could be a very simple and plausible explanation."

To which we can only add one thing: according to many players, Rudi's tactical instructions at team talks were almost always pretty straightforward harangues.

It's likely that a player wanted to tape it as a curiosity piece.

Sadly, Gutendorf's ghost is still haunting Australian soccer.

Tapes, spies, enemies, plots, revolts by players — we've heard the lot.

The fact is we had a poor team, badly prepared — and we lost. And that has nothing to do with electronics.

SUN SETS ON VEST

The longest serving coach of the Philips League, Alan Vest resigned from Newcastle KB United last Monday.

According to an official communiqué, the parting was by "mutual agreement."

However, Newcastle sources claim that Vest was actually sacked by the club's directors after numerous clashes.

The "McClelland-Affair" appears to have been the ultimate catalyst in a long simmering feud between Vest and some players.

Recently McClelland allegedly refused to play under Vest and asked to go on the transfer list.

Earlier John Sneddon "retired" temporarily for similar reasons.

Sneddon is now back and the club will decide about McClelland's future soon.

It is believed that Vest's contract to the end of the season will be paid up.

He was manager-coach of Newcastle from the day they applied to enter the PSL at the end of the first season, in 1977.

Earlier he had remarkable successes in New Zealand and Western Australia and, at one stage, was the hot favorite to be the national coach but the final choice became Jimmy Shoulder.

Vest, unhappy about the shoestring budget-potential of the club, has been thinking about leaving for some time.

The new manager of Newcastle is former Socceroo star Ray Baartz while the trainer remains Frank Campbell.

YOUTH LEAGUE MEETS

The Philips Youth League delegates will hold a special meeting in Sydney this week.

Under the chairmanship of David Dillon, they will try to revamp this ailing yet potentially vital competition.

Despite the many enthusiastic promises earlier this year, the Philips Youth League, Eastern Division (there is no Western Division...) has received the shabbiest possible treatment from the administration—and from the clubs.

Promotion and publicity are next to zero, interest in the League is sporadic.

The Youth League is either put on a firm basis for next season or it will die a natural death, like so many projects enthusiastically created and then cynically abandoned.



ROUND 16



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PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

RAY OF HOPE

Ray Baartz will make his debut as the Newcastle coach and he could have picked an easier opponent than the composed Brisbane Lions.

Newcastle, torn by internal strife, players' squabbles and financial difficulties, could do with the tonic of a second win in a row, after their success in Melbourne last Sunday.

McClelland may rejoin the fold to add his red-haired aggression and bite to the attack but Roy Drinkwater, badly injured, is likely to miss the party.

The Lions look more solid all round and only a spiritual revival by Newcastle could help them to the points.

Our tip: 1-1 draw.



Senkalski

GOAL FLAIR

Riding on the crest of a boom, Adcity will have their hands full against the steady and attacking Canberra.

With Russell and Mitchell now in the Socceroo squad — and perhaps Marocchi to follow soon — Adelaide City's talents are at last being recognised.

Mitchell's flair for goals is the best news Adcity have had since the heydays of Dixie Deans.

Canberra, with the return of Cole and Stark, now looks very formidable especially in attack.

The day Brennan, Valeri and Gibson really begin to click, only the best defence will be able to halt them.

Our tip: 2-2.



Northcote

MUDLARKING



Olympic's Roy Cotton sweeping past an APIA-Leichhardt defender in last Sunday's epic struggle.

BLENDING

Having told us in his newspaper column that winning is not terribly important, one wonders what effort Rale Rasic's Blacktown will make against fellow strugglers West Adelaide.

Although both teams would protest vehemently at such a vile suggestion, this looms like a veritable relegation "derby".

Blacktown, despite their loss last weekend, are in a superior shape and frame of mind than their opponents.

West Adelaide just can't put it together, even under their new coach.

Their present team, despite some excellent individual talent,

Our tip: Blacktown 3-1.



Pointer

MIDFIELD

All the adjectives usually applied to Brisbane City — solid, organised, combative — sound similar to a young lady being described merely as 'patriotic' — surely the bottom rung among the compliments.

Bricity, however, is just that: unspectacular yet surprisingly resourceful, able to cause many headaches with their very rapid counter-attacks so well led by the speedy Palinkas and the long-striding Wilkinson.

Sydney City, as usual, have hit top form in the middle of the season and look poised to move to the top of the table any week now.

Our tip: Sydney City 2-0.



Perry

CRUMBLING

Having brilliantly stolen he points from the eerie Pratten Park cauldron, Leichhardt now look set to register yet another win against the accident-prone Footscray.

Willie Wallace's promise of producing a solid team by halfway through the season seems to have been kept despite the fact that their star striker, Giampaolo, has been out of action for some weeks with a muscle injury.

Footscray, with a dismal interstate record, are unlikely to be able to resist the predictable Leichhardt onslaught so well plotted by O'Connor and Morsello.

Our tip: Leichhardt 2-0.



Pullen

KAMIKAZE

There are signs that South Melbourne may be running out of steam, after a brilliant start.

Victoria's lone hopes for that elusive PSL title, the Gunners have now dropped three points in their last two games.

George Campbell's return, after a serious injury, will add class to the team but their midfield is still vulnerable.

Olympic's Kamikaze style is sure to give the crowd a big thrill — and may even pay off.

Our tip: South Melbourne 2-1.



Lutton

STYLE

Preston's depressing slump, despite some fair displays, may continue when they meet a gradually rejuvenated Marconi.

The once feared Preston attack is having problems and Ollerton may have to return there from his current defensive position.

Gary Byrne's presence in the Marconi midfield should liven things up in that department; he may take over from Housseini or Picioane for the day.

But Marconi's problem is, strangely, with its star-studded attack where the similarity of styles doesn't provide the team with sufficient pattern variations.

Also, Krcevic and Jankovics find goals very hard to come by and that, after all, is their sole job in the team.

Our tip: Marconi 1-0.

NO MERCY

Arno Bertogna is likely to make his debut for the Wolves and link-up with his mentor from his junior days, Ken Morton.

For the occasion, Wollongong have a suitable victim in Heidelberg who have literally gone to the dogs.

Symptomatic of their malady is that Cole has grabbed only two goals this season — and one was a penalty.

Wollongong's utilitarian style and balance, not to mention a good defence brilliantly held together by Dunleavy, Australia's "Steve Perryman", should have little trouble against the erratic Bergers.

Our tip: Wollongong 1-0.



Dunleavy



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(Lions)

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(Newcastle)

HENDERSON
(Marconi)

BARNES
(Sydney City)

WATSON
(Sydney)

BRENNAN
(Canberra)

O'CONNOR
(APIA)

PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981

	ADELAIDE GIANTS	ADELAIDE HAWKS	BLACKTOWN DEMONS	BRISBANE GLADIATORS	BRISBANE LIONS	CANBERRA ARROWS	FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	LEICHARDT STRIKERS	MARCONI LEOPARDS	MELBOURNE GUNNERS	NEWCASTLE KB	PRESTON RAMS	SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	SYDNEY SLICKERS	WOLLONGONG WOLVES
ADELAIDE GIANTS	*			1-0	3-2			3-1	0-1			4-1	1-0		0-1	1-2
ADELAIDE HAWKS	0-3	*	2-0					1-2		0-2	0-1	4-0				0-0
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	1-5		*	2-2				3-1	0-1	0-2	2-2					
BRISBANE GLADIATORS	2-1		*		0-0	2-0		0-0						3-0		1-0
BRISBANE LIONS	3-1		1-0	*	1-0	4-0					0-1	2-1	1-1			1-1
CANBERRA ARROWS	0-0	1-2	2-2			*	5-0	0-1		2-2			2-1	2-0		
FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	1-1	1-1	2-0			*	2-2	2-1	1-2	1-2				1-0		
HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	2-0		2-0		1-1		*					1-2	2-3	1-0		0-3
LEICHARDT STRIKERS					0-0		2-2	*		1-1	2-1				0-1	
MARCONI LEOPARDS	1-0		1-1	2-1	0-2		3-1	*				1-0				1-1
MELBOURNE GUNNERS	0-0				1-0		2-1		1-0	*	2-0			1-3	1-0	
NEWCASTLE KB			1-1	0-2		0-1	3-0				*	4-0	1-2			1-1
PRESTON RAMS			2-3	1-1		0-1	3-0		3-1		1-1		*	3-1		
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	3-1	3-1	1-0			0-0		1-3	2-0	2-2			*	2-2		
SYDNEY SLICKERS	1-0		1-1	1-1			1-0		5-0		4-1	2-0	*			
WOLLONGONG WOLVES			1-1	0-0		2-1		1-1				2-2	3-1	*		

Bonus unknown for Kiwis

The New Zealand players have yet to receive even a one dollar bonus for their marvellous campaign in the World Cup.

In fact — they haven't even been promised a bonus.

Wollongong's Clive Campbell, who returned to his club on Sunday

morning after a few weeks with the Kiwi team on their World Cup rampage is somewhat philosophical about it.

"We will get whatever the NZFA can afford to pay us.

"If it's a fair offer, there won't be any arguments, whether it's \$100 or \$1,000.

"Whatever we achieved, we did it for New Zealand soccer."

How about a special bonus if they reach Spain?

"No," he said, "there's been no discussion on that at all. I guess we'll have a talk later with the officials, after our last game against Fiji."

Campbell said it was a ridiculous suggestion that the New Zealand PSL players had "spied" on their Aussie counterparts.

"When we got back to Auckland a few weeks ago, it was natural that we exchanged all the information we had," he said.

"Our coach, John Adshead, took notes of all the things we told him, and compiled a dossier on the subject.

"But is that spying? Why didn't Australia do the same? After all, they had a very good chance to analyse and dissect Wilson, Dods, Sumner, Cole, Brian Turner and myself during our games here."

The diminutive and rather taciturn Campbell praised the NZFA for

Cup has now reached semi-shambles stage

"What stage has the Philips Cup reached now?" we asked a leading official.

"The shambles stage," he replied laconically. He blamed the airline strikes, the national team programs and bad weather for the confusion.

So what's the situation now?

The Round 2 replay of Canberra v Olympic will take place at Seiffert Oval at 7.30pm on Wednesday, June 3.

The winner will meet Leichhardt later in a Round 3 game. (Only NSW has three rounds, the other States have only two.)

Also on June 3, Brisbane Lions will play Hakoah (Vic.) in a quarterfinal game at Lions Stadium.

(Hakoah? Why not Melbourne City?)

Another Round 2 game, Brisbane City v. Mareeba will be held at 3pm on Monday, June 8. (Public holiday there for the Queen of Queensland.)

This is actually the fourth date for the match. Twice the game was postponed because of airline strikes and once because of bad weather.

The winner will then meet West Adelaide in the quarterfinal, somewhere.

Marconi is already in the quarterfinals and will meet the winner of the Leichhardt v. Canberra-Olympic clashes.

Yet another quarterfinal game will be played on June 17, Heidelberg v. Adelaide City, in Melbourne.

The two semifinals should be played in July or August and the final in September in Canberra.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Steve O'Connor (Sydney City)
- Paul Ontong (Brisbane Lions)
- on having played their 100th PSL match.

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

Many Capitol Motors dealers and their top brass were at the Marconi match last Sunday; at halftime, the new Datsun Bluebird car was put on public display.

Tommy Docherty, Olympic: "We created plenty of chances. Even our lone goal came through the generosity of the opposition."

★ ★ ★

Ken Morton, Wollongong: "We earned the point, Campbell's mobility in attack was most valuable for us."

★ ★ ★

Raul Blanco, Marconi: "We played well in the first half but there is no doubt that we missed the suspended Byrne from the middle."

★ ★ ★

Wollongong have signed Arno Bertogna, snatching him from Leichhardt. While he was a junior in Perth, Bertogna played under Wollongong coach Ken Morton.

★ ★ ★

Willie Wallace, Leichhardt: "Our boys handled the heavy conditions very well. I'm starting to have a settled squad of players."

Eddie Thomson, Sliders: "After playing all the Melbourne teams, I'd say Preston were the most difficult to beat."

★ ★ ★

Brian Edgely, Preston: "Sydney City are by far the best team in Australia. I was most impressed with their teamwork, skill on the ball and running off the ball."

★ ★ ★

Doug Brown: "It's not true that something rubbed off from Graham Souness to Ian Souness. Ian was today as good as his distant relative with Liverpool; he is a classy player."

★ ★ ★

Hugh Johns did his first PSL match telecast on Sunday for Channel 9 from the Marconi game.

★ ★ ★

In case you ever wondered (who hasn't?) what the taxi fare is from the city to Bossley Park: it's \$28. That's what Hugh Johns paid to a taxi driver who, on his admission, got lost a couple of times en route.

★ ★ ★

Adelaide City skipper Gary Marocchi missed the Gladiators match because of a dislocated toe. He suffered the injury against West Adelaide a fortnight ago.

Adelaide City coach, Bob D'Ottavi: "I was happy with Glenn Dods when he came on. He gave the midfield better balance."

★ ★ ★

Bobby Russell had five stitches in a cut above his right eye during the halftime break of the Giants-Gladiators game.

★ ★ ★

Les Scheinflug also added 18-year-old Adelaide City midfielder Chris Manou to his Under-19 Australian Youth squad after seeing the strongly built player in only his second Philips League game.

★ ★ ★

Lions' Jack Gilroy: "We found it difficult playing against a side who were a bit tentative. However, we did create a lot of chances and Bob Latchford could have got himself another three goals with any sort of luck. Steven Hogg wasn't happy up front and a little change at the side improved the side."

★ ★ ★

John Margaritis, South Melbourne: "I am happy with the point considering we were missing Arthur Xanthopoulos and Billy Rogers. The referee should not have booked Vince Bannon for talking to me at the bench."

★ ★ ★

Canberra's George Murray: "Do you want my comments with or without oaths? A team striving for the championship has to put away all its chances."

TOP PSL SCORERS

BODEN (Syd.City)	8
OLLERTON (Preston)	7
CHRISTOPOULOS (SM)	6
MITCHELL (Adcity)	6
SHARNE (Marconi)	6
EVANS (St.Melb.)	5
GIBSON (Canberra)	5
J.NYSKOHUS (Adcity)	5
VALERI (Canberra)	5



PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981

AGGREGATE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	±	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A		
1STH.MELBOURNE	14	7	6	1	20	13	+	7	20	7	5	1	1	8	4	11	7	2	5	—	12	9	9
2 SYDNEY CITY	13	8	3	2	22	9	+	13	19	7	5	2	—	15	3	12	6	3	1	2	7	6	7
3 CANBERRA	15	7	5	3	20	10	+	10	19	8	3	3	2	14	8	9	7	4	2	1	6	2	10
4 BRISBANE CITY	15	6	6	3	15	9	+	6	18	7	5	2	—	10	2	12	8	1	4	2	5	7	6
5 ADELAIDE CITY	14	7	3	4	23	13	+	10	17														



WEEKEND GUIDE TO

PHILIPS LEAGUE



BLACKTOWN CITY

Likely squad: 1. James, 2. Wheatley, 3. Pollard, 4. Milovanovic, 5. Pointer, 6. Selvage, 7. Djordjevic, 8. Hormazabal, 9. Culina, 10. O'Donnell, 11. Mannion, 12. Quaraby, 13. Cuk, 14. Burrows, 15. Wallace, 16. Milosevic, 20. Freeman. Coach: R. Rasic.

Sunday, 3pm
Gabbie Stadium

Next week: Blacktown v Newcastle



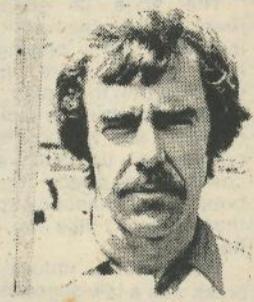
Ortega

WOLLONGONG CITY

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vliestra, 13. McBreen, 14. Turner, 15. De Graaf, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison, 18. Morton, 19. Fontana, 20. Kay, 21. Vardareff. Coach: K. Morton.

Sunday, 3pm
Wollongong Showground

Next week: Footscray v Wollongong



Campbell

NEWCASTLE UTD.

Likely squad: 1. Dando, 2. Reaney, 4. Senkalski, 6. Drinkwater, 7. Sumner, 8. Mountford, 9. Jones, 10. Heys, 11. Buckley, 12. Mason, 13. Burrows, 14. Sneddon, 15. Curran, 16. Kamasz, 17. McClelland, 18. Storey, 20. Gosling. Coach: R. Baartz.

Sunday, 2.30pm
International Sports Centre

Next week: Blacktown v Newcastle



Jones

LEICHHARDT

Likely squad: 1. Woodhouse, 2. Skellern, 3. McAusland, 4. Pullen, 5. Wilson, 6. Coyne, 7. Soper, 8. Pirie, 9. Giampaolo, 10. Kafka, 11. O'Connor, 12. Harding, 13. Bradley, 14. Leyden, 15. McKie, 16. Morsello, 17. Watts, 18. Gray, 19. Casacchia, 20. Parkes. Coach: W. Wallace.

Sunday, 3pm
Lambert Park

Next week: Lions v Leichhardt



Woodhouse

ADELAIDE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Marshall, 2. Russell, 3. B. Nyskohus, 4. Besir, 5. Jones, 6. Dods, 8. Perin, 9. Marocchi, 10. J. Nyskohus, 11. Mitchell, 12. Northcote, 13. Melta, 14. Miller, 15. Manou, 16. Villani, 17. Signore, 22. Peressin. Coach: B. D' Ottavi.

Sunday, 2.30pm
Olympic Field

Next week: Marconi v Adelaide City



Mitchell

BRISBANE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Wishart, 2. Dunne, 3. Ratcliffe, 4. Tokesi, 5. Perry, 6. Gaffney, 7. Palinkas, 8. Pimblett, 9. Conner, 10. Low, 11. Caldwell, 12. Tripp, 14. Hamilton, 15. P. Wilkinson, 16. McVeigh, 17. B. Wilkinson, 20. Coe. Coach: G. Potter.

Sunday, 2.30pm
Spencer Park

Next week: Canberra v Brisbane City



Pimblett

PRESTON

Likely squad: 1. Kastner, 2. Rainey, 3. Beech, 4. Ollerton, 5. Higham, 6. Faulkner, 7. Cullen, 8. Flavell, 9. McMillan, 10. Petrovski, 11. Ward, 12. Brown, 13. Lucchesi, 14. Little, 15. Stoikos, 16. Whittle, 20. Clayton. Coach: B. Edgeley.

Sunday, 3pm
Conner Reserve

Next week: Olympic v Preston



Ollerton

STH. MELBOURNE

Likely squad: 1. Laumets, 2. V. Bannon, 3. Davidson, 4. Lutton, 5. Xanthopoulos, 6. Rogers, 7. Wright, 8. Christopoulos, 9. Cummings, 10. Evans, 11. Buljevic, 12. Kalafatidis, 14. Campbell, 15. Stevenson, 16. Shirra, 19. Blair, 20. Tsigaras. Coach: H. Margaritis.

Sunday, 3pm
Middle Park

Next week: Heidelberg v Sth. Melbourne



Laumets

PAST RESULTS:

1980: Blacktown v West Adelaide 1-1



Bozanic

PAST RESULTS:

Wollongong v Heidelberg for the first time.



Paton

PAST RESULTS:

1978: Newcastle v Lions 2-2
1979: Newcastle v Lions 2-2
1980: Newcastle v Lions 0-0



Verweij

PAST RESULTS:

1979: Leichhardt v Footscray 3-2
1980: Leichhardt v Footscray 0-0



Belic

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Adcity v Canberra 2-0
1978: Adcity v Canberra 3-1
1979: Adcity v Canberra 2-1
1980: Adcity v Canberra 1-1



Wilson

WEST ADELAIDE

Likely squad: 1. Crook, 2. Tymczyszyn, 3. Pillans, 4. McGachey, 5. Topaz, 6. Bozanic, 7. Boyle, 8. Manecas, 10. Honeyman, 11. McGregor, 12. Forde, 13. Haig, 15. Marisic, 16. Brown, 17. Wright, 20. Miller, 21. Hughes. Coach: P. Jaksa.

REFEREE: K. Small
Linesmen: R. Barton
P. Wood

Next week: West Adelaide v Sydney City

HEIDELBERG

Likely squad: 1. Oliver, 2. McMillan, 3. Tansey, 4. Yzendoorn, 6. Selemidis, 7. Rooney, 8. Campbell, 9. Paton, 11. Bozikas, 12. Yankos, 13. McGrory, 14. Provan, 15. Taylor, 16. Cole, 18. Monagle, 20. Reilly. Coach: J. Rooney.

REFEREE: D. Rennie
Linesmen: B. Wilkinson
A. Morrison

Next week: Heidelberg v Sth. Melbourne

BRISBANE LIONS

Likely squad: 1. Scanlan, 2. Ontong, 3. Niven, 4. Lindsay, 5. Bennett, 6. Hermiston, 7. Hogg, 8. McLean, 9. Ferris, 10. Millman, 11. McNaughton, 12. McGregor, 13. Latchford, 14. Ogden, 17. Wright, 18. Konstantinou, 19. Bryce, 20. Lowndes. Coach: J. Gilroy.

REFEREE: R. Rampley
Linesmen: W. Jones
O. Scevak

Next week: Lions v Leichhardt

FOOTSCRAY

Likely squad: 1. Boland, 2. Hazabent, 3. Petrou, 4. Kyriakouleas, 5. Kondarios, 6. Jovanovic, 7. Simic, 8. Ilioski, 11. McLaughlin, 12. McIvor, 13. Petrou, 14. Belic, 15. Kakantonis, 16. Curovic, 17. Cozzella, 18. Milne, 19. Potter. Coach: C. Cirkovic.

REFEREE: A. Rodway
Linesmen: G. Power
T. Tooké

Next week: Footscray v Wollongong

CANBERRA CITY

Likely squad: 1. Wilson, 2. M. O'Shea, 3. Williams, 4. Cole, 5. J. O'Shea, 6. Stark, 7. R. O'Shea, 8. Byrne, 9. Valeri, 10. McLaren, 11. Brennan, 12. Gibson, 13. Purdie, 14. Massa, 15. Moutsopoulos, 16. Farrell, 21. Hoszowski. Coach: G. Murray.

REFEREE: J. Rossis
Linesmen: J. Woodward,
P. Smallman

Next week: Canberra v Brisbane City

SYDNEY CITY

Likely squad: 1. Clarke, 2. Mullen, 3. Spanos, 4. O'Connor, 5. Bruce, 6. Murray, 7. Watson, 8. Barnes, 9. Boden, 10. Kosmina, 12. Cant, 14. Gomez, 15. Muniz, 16. Patikas, 18. Souness, 19. Trenter, 20. Pezzano. Coach: E. Thomson.

REFEREE: R. Mee
Linesmen: G. Nicholson
D. Monteverde

Next week: West Adelaide v Sydney City

MARCONI

Likely squad: 1. Maher, 2. Brogan, 4. Henderson, 5. Prskalo, 6. Byrne, 9. Krnceanic, 10. Mariani, 11. Sharne, 12. Picioane, 13. Muir, 14. Housseini, 16. Tomasich, 17. Colusso, 18. Johnston, 20. Corry. Coach: R. Blanco.

REFEREE: J. Johnston
Linesmen: D. Voutsinas,
J. Brennan

Next week: Marconi v Adelaide City

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Likely squad: 1. Meier, 2. Moulis, 3. Cross, 4. Wilson, 5. Rowden, 6. Katholos, 7. Raskopoulos, 8. Cork, 9. Gavin, 10. Scott, 11. Jennings, 12. Ankudinoff, 13. Cotton, 14. Koussas, 15. Ziras, 16. Jamieson, 18. Laing, 20. Wilson. Coach: T. Docherty.

REFEREE: D. Campbell
Linesmen: S. Zoumis
D. Fokianos

Next week: Olympic v Preston



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THE NSW DATSUN DEALER NETWORK PROUDLY SUPPORTS AUSTRALIAN SOCCER

HEIDELBERG v NEWCASTLE 1-2 (1-0)

Heidelberg (4-4-2)

McMillan (3)	Yzendoorn (4)	Provan (3)	Mihalidis (3)
Cole (3)	Yankos (3)	Campbell (3)	Selemidis (3)
	McGroarty (3)	Paton (3)	
	Mountford (3)	Storey (4)	
Jones (3)	Heys (3)	Mason (3)	Senkalski (4)
Bertogna (4)	Sneddon (3)	Drinkwater (-)	Reaney (3)
	Dando (3)		

Newcastle (4-4-2)

Replacements: Sumner (3, 8m) for Drinkwater, Rooney (59m) for Yankos
Goals: 1-0 Campbell (42m), 1-1 Storey (48m), 1-2 Storey (82m).
Referee: E. Venios (Vic.) — Crowd: 2,000 — Cautions: Sneddon, Sumner, Rooney.

Jimmy Rooney is undecided whether to continue coaching after this disappointing performance.

The veteran midfielder has never been in favor of combining coaching with playing and may decide to step down from the helm in the coming weeks.

It will all boil down to discussions he will have with the management in the coming few days but he left no doubts that if it came to a choice between the two jobs he definitely doesn't want to quit playing because he still enjoys it too much and "coaching will always be there later."

His disillusionment springs from the recent poor performances of

NO STYLE

the team.

The style is gone, there is little teamwork, injuries are playing havoc, and there is unrest within the squad.

"It's not through lack of effort and nobody is outplaying us but a coach also needs the breaks and somebody up there mustn't like me," he said.

This week's unlucky break was a few seconds of bad judgment from debut boy John Mihalidis.

The youngster, 16, was drafted at short notice when Jim Tansey, having a horror year with in-

juries, failed to recover from an ankle injury sustained during the week.

Mihalidis performed reliably until eight minutes from the end when he failed to move out with the rest of the defenders putting Grant Storey onside at the opposite wing to receive a through ball from Joe Senkalski and race through unchallenged to score his second goal and secure two points in a game which Newcastle never looked like winning.

Rooney pointed out that his side had 80 per-

cent of the play while Newcastle had maybe three chances and converted two of them...

Heidelberg took the lead with a scrambled goal in the 42nd minute.

Jamie Paton's cross from the left was miskicked by both Gary Cole and Joe McGroarty but fell kindly for Campbell who planted in home from close range.

Three minutes into the second half Senkalski cleared off the line from a Bob Provan header and from the ensuing clearance Newcastle scored.

David Jones' shot came off a defender to Storey who made no mistake with a shot from inside the area.

— Paul Galea

SYDNEY CITY v PRESTON 2-0 (1-0)

Sydney City (4-3-3)

Mullen (4)	Spanos (4)	O'Connor (5)	Bruce (4)
Patikas (4)	Souness (4)	Barnes (5)	
Watson (6)	Kosmina (3)	Boden (3)	
McMillan (4)	Cullen (3)		
Brown (4)	Flavell (3)	Faulkner (3)	Whittle (4)
Petrovski (3)	Higham (4)	Ollerton (4)	Rainey (3)
		Kastner (5)	

Preston (4-4-2)

Replacements: Lucchesi (74m) for Cullen, Cant (78m) for Patikas.
Goals: 1-0 Souness (18m. pen.), 2-0 Watson (57m).
Referee: T. Davies — Crowd: 1,492.

"In the next few weeks, when we convert our chances, we'll run up a big score and the opposition won't know what hit them," said Sliders supremo Eddie Thomson after this game.

Except for some poor finishing by the Sliders, the other factor that kept down the score was the brilliant performance by 1969 Socceroo reserve goalie Lou Kastner.

He can take credit for having saved at least six "certain" goals.

Another experienced player, 1974 Socceroo Peter Ollerton kept Kosmina quiet, especially in the air.

Preston played some nice soccer in the midfield and defended well but Robbie Cullen was

The heavy ground which was soon to be cut up suited the ball-players in this match.

Mariani, Housseini, Dunleavy and Tredinnick, for example, were pirouetting with graceful ease while some others, including celebrated internationals, sunk in the mud.

Marconi started promisingly but first Krnecovic then Housseini fluffed chances.

The Wolves roared themselves into the lead with a spectacular thunderbolt by Adam, hit from some 25 metres, grazing Maher's desperately groping fist.

Most of the Wollongong attacks were created by the

SQUANDERED

disappointing up front and the handful of runs by Whittle and McMillan hardly troubled the City defence superbly led by Steve O'Connor.

On a surprisingly good surface, thanks to the excellent groundsman, City started well and in the 6th minute gained a penalty when Ken Boden, after beating four players, was brought down in the box by Faulkner.

Boden himself took the penalty but Kastner saved his low shot.

Twelve minutes later Souness opened the score with a well placed shot from yet another

spot kick after Kosmina was pushed in the goalmouth after a corner.

A freekick by Ollerton and a run by Whittle were the only occasions when Preston had anything to show in attack.

Kastner saved a great shot on the turn by Kosmina and collected the ball from Barnes' head to deny likely goals.

Boden was also unlucky to see two of his close range shots to inches wide.

Watson, who played magnificently, scored a colossal goal from 30 metres in the 57th minute with a dipping

shot from left to right into the top corner to make it 2-0.

Seven minutes later a similar shot brought a top save from Kastner who pushed a hot by Patikas around the post.

Kastner was kept busy as he was forced to dive at Kosmina's feet to gather the ball after a Mullen freekick and again robbed Boden when he was about to put the ball away, from a Watson cross, relayed by Kosmina.

Although it rained all morning and all early games were played, the ground was in perfect condition.

— Joe Marton

MARCONI v WOLLONGONG 1-1 (1-1)

Marconi (4-4-2)

Brogan (3)	Mariani (5)	Prskalo (4)	Degney (3)
Picioane (2)	Housseini (3)	Henderson (4)	Jankovics (2)
Sharne (3)	Krnecovic (2)		
Tredinnick (4)	Campbell (4)	McBreen (3)	
Fontana (3)	Adam (3)	Lathan (3)	
Ainsworth (3)	De Graaf (3)	Dunleavy (5)	Fleming (3)
		Preston (4)	

Wollongong (4-3-3)

Replacements: Johnston (67m) for Picioane, Kay (79m) for Fontana.
Goals: 0-1 Adam (21m), 1-1 Krnecovic (43m).
Referee: H. Witschge — Crowd: 2,400 — Cautions: Henderson, Picioane, Adam.

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skilful and speedy Tredinnick on the left wing but they couldn't produce any worthwhile goalmouth chances.

Just before halftime, a sudden Sharne cross found the head of Krnecovic who jumped almost as high as the pylons to crash home the equaliser.

Henderson, clearly annoyed with the ineptitude of his strikers, began to bombard the Wolves' lair with long range shots but his gun-sight was maladjusted and the shots were either easily saved or sailed over the bar.

There was some inevitability about the match ending in a draw;

Sharne, so frisky in the first half, faded into invisibility in the falling darkness while Krnecovic and Jankovics had all their technical shortcomings cruelly exposed by the pitch.

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Frankly, neither side deserved to win or lose. Marconi showed perhaps slightly more class, especially in midfield but Wollongong were composed and cohesive, giving a solid display.

— Andrew Dettre

LIONS v WEST ADELAIDE 3-1(1-0)

Lions (4-3-3)

Ontong (4)	Hermiston (4)	Bennett (4)	Niven (4)
Ferris (3)	McLean (3)	McNaughton (3)	
Low (4)	Latchford (3)	Hogg (2)	
Koulianatos (2)	Norris (2)	Honeyman (3)	
McGregor (3)	Boyle (4)	Brown (3)	
Bozanic (4)	Forde (3)	Kambas (3)	McKie (2)
		Crook (4)	

West Adelaide (4-3-3)

Replacements: Haig (70m) for McKie, Atsalas (70m) for Koulianatos, McGregor (78m) for Latchford, Ogden (80m) for McNaughton.
Goals: 1-0 McNaughton (44m), 2-0 Bennett (46m), 2-1 Bozanic (63m), 3-1 Latchford (69m).
Referee: C. Amos (Qld.) — Crowd: 3,000 — Caution: Bozanic.

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laid a long cross onto McNaughton's head and the midfielder lobbed a header over the advancing Crook.

The second half was hardly started when Lions won a corner and when Low crossed in the ball the Adelaide defence appeared frozen into immobility as Col Bennett bent low to head it into the net.

At last the visitors decided to speculate into attack and perhaps surprised themselves as they worked the ball quite well into the Lions goal area.

In a spell of good play the fans were made aware of the importance of inches in the game.

Firstly, Hermiston sent a raging 25 metre shot past Crook but against the post, then Bozanic repeated the act at the other end and was overjoyed when the ball screamed high into the net.

However, Adelaide's hopes were dashed when young winger Low "skimmed" Bozanic, took the ball to the touchline, and squared to Latchford at the near post.

The big striker wasted no time in despatching the ball past Crook.

That finished the game as a spectacle, both teams made sporadic raids, but with the respective coaches making substitutions, for their own reasons no doubt, they both served notice that for them the game was over.

Lions could be well pleased with their win made against obviously frightened opponents, a team which has lost all faith in its own ability to win matches on its own terms.

— Jim Binnie

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AD CITY v BRISBANE CITY 1-0(0-0)

Adelaide City (4-4-2)

Marshall (5)

Russell (5)	Jones (4)	Perin (5)	B. Nyskohus (3)
J. Nyskohus (3)	Villani (3)	Melta (3)	Manou (4)
Northcote (3)		Mitchell (4)	

Kelso (3)	P. Wilkinson (3)	Palinkas (4)
Gaffney (4)	Pimblett (3)	Hamilton (4)
B. Wilkinson (4)	Dunne (4)	Ratcliffe (4)
		Coe (5)

Brisbane City (4-3-3)

Replacements: Dods (60m) for Melta, McVeigh (68m) for Kelso.

Goal: 1-0 Mitchell (82m).

Referee: D. Campbell — Crowd: 3,500 — Cautions: Caldwell, Kelso, P. Wilkinson.

SA's new Socceroos David Mitchell and Bobby Russell and Kiwi international Glenn Dods played significant roles in the Giants' success over the ambitious Gladiators.

Young Mitchell grabbed the winning goal eight minutes before the final whistle when he charged through a congested Brisbane defence to belt home a rebound after his original shot had been blocked.

Dynamic Russell worked overtime to blot big Barry Kelso out of the game and the energetic defender still found time to initiate attacks with telling overlaps.

Dods, who flew in

RAPID-FIRE

from Auckland after helping New Zealand topple Taiwan the previous day, came on for the last half hour to boost the Giants midfield just as it showed signs of flagging.

Mitchell's goal kept the Giants on the brink of the top four and just ahead of Sydney Slickers as the leading scorers of the league.

Anyone watching the Giants rapid-fire passing for the first time could understand why they have managed to find the net so often this season.

But, with Martin Coe in fine goalkeeping form, it

his flag down.

Referee Donald Campbell, however, overruled his colleague and the Giants were relieved, while the Gladiators were peeved.

If it was an injustice, the Gladiators had 50 minutes to correct it, but the Giants defence never wavered against the height of Kelso and Paul Wilkinson.

Youth Socceroo squad member Charley Villani should really have put the Giants in front four minutes before the disallowed goal incident when he was left with only Coe to beat following a clever passing sequence, but the teenager drove the ball straight at the Brisbane goalkeeper.

— Allan Crisp

OLYMPIC v LEICHARDT 1-3(0-1)

Olympic (4-3-3)

Wilson (4)

Moulis (3)	Zeros (3)	Rowden (3)	Palmer (3)
Wilson (3)	Raskopoulos (3)	Katholos (3)	
Cotton (2)	Koussas (3)	Jennings (4)	

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O'Connor (5)	Soper (3)	Morsello (4)
Kafka (4)	Coyne (3)	Hughes (3)
McAusland (3)	Wilson (4)	Pullen (4)
		Casacchia (3)

Woodhouse (5)

Leichhardt (4-3-3)

Replacements: Scott (52m); Pirie (52m) for Koussas, Laing (70m) for Cotton.
Goals: 0-1 Kafka (32m), 0-2 Morsello (59m), 1-2 Wilson (79m, o.g.), 1-3 Pirie (90m).
Referee: G. Power — Crowd: 5,378 — Cautions: Kafka.

It was an afternoon when all those present could have been forgiven for thinking that they were in the winterland of the British Isles.

The fans braved cold and rain to witness an epic struggle between two skilful and well balanced sides.

Olympic began in their customary attacking fashion and Kenny Wilson narrowly missed putting his team ahead in the first minute.

Both teams handled admirably the very heavy conditions and sensibly bypassed the quagmire in centrefield, commonly known in normal weather as the cricket pitch.

Olympic succeeded in exasperating their loyal supporters with a

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sequence of near misses, the most notable was a header from Roy Cotton.

With the goal at his mercy, his ball struck Peter Wilson in the face and went out for a corner.

Leichhardt were content to absorb the pressure and to rely on quick counter-attacks.

Phil O'Connor, revelling in the heavy going, won possession on the right, beat off his pursuers and sent in a deep cross to Kafka whose measured volley from 15 metres took a slight deflection off a defender and sailed into

To make up the sudden deficit, Olympic attacked furiously and Laing's inclusion injected new life into their team.

Finally, in the 79th minute Woodhouse lost a good shot from Raskopoulos and Peter Wilson tapped the rebound into his own goal.

As the minutes were ticking by, it was all or nothing for Olympic but their equaliser proved to be too elusive.

O'Connor and Morsello, working tirelessly throughout the match, sealed the match when they engineered a golden chance for Bill Pirie in the dying seconds of the game.

— Mick Mikolajczyk

CANBERRA v STH. MELBOURNE 2-2(2-1)

Canberra (4-3-3)

Hoszowski (4)

M. O'Shea (4)	R. Stark (4)	T. Byrne (5)	H. Williams (3)
Purdie (3)	McLaren (4)	J. O'Shea (3)	
Gibson (3)	Brennan (5)	Valeri (3)	

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Buljevic (3)	Evans (3)	Cummings (3)
Campbell (4)	Christopoulos (4)	Stevenson (3)

Shirra (3)	Davidson (4)	Blair (3)	Bannon (4)
		Laumets (4)	

South Melbourne (4-3-3)

Replacements: Cole (46m) for Purdie, Lutton (72m) for Christopoulos, Farrell (78m) for Valeri.
Goals: 1-0 Brennan (24m), 2-0 McLaren (36m), 2-1 Christopoulos (pen. 42m), 2-2 Blair (70m).
Referee: B. Mee — Crowd: 6,427 — Cautions: Shirra, Bannon.

This was a match which lived up to its big billing.

The first half in particular pulsated with the standard of fast, skilful, thoughtful soccer which kept the large wet-weather crowd absorbed and buzzing with excitement.

Roy Stark cleared a George Christopoulos header off the line with Hoszowski beaten after only two minutes.

Canberra, however, gradually asserted superiority during the first half.

Tony Brennan and Walter Valeri missed opportunities before they atoned after 24 minutes.

Valeri fed Brennan with a fine through ball

and Brennan steamed towards Peter Laumets and hammered his shot goalwards to put the home team in the lead.

South Melbourne also had chances. Branko Buljevic headed over the Canberra crossbar with only Hoszowski to beat a John Stevenson effort was well saved.

However, the Canberra momentum continued. Tony Brennan, playing with irresistible aplomb back-heeled the ball to John O'Shea who found Don McLaren but McLaren looped his shot over Laumets.

With three minutes of

the first half remaining, little George Campbell weaved his way into the locals areas and was obstructed and fouled by at least two Arrows defenders.

George Christopoulos' penalty shot found the mark to send the visitors into the dressing rooms at halftime with legitimate hopes for recovery.

This hope grew in the second half as Canberra flagged badly.

Perhaps they were worn out from a devastating first half display but whatever the reason they failed to

tackle and fight consistently.

The Gunners, with Vince Bannon making probing right wing runs from defence, looked primed for an equaliser.

There was a false alarm after 55 minutes when Duncan Cummings clipped the corner of the crossbar after a solo run.

After 70 minutes Canberra paid the price for inconsistency: Steve Blair waltzed the ball majestically from defence and cannoned a 25-metre sizzler past Hoszowski to level scores.

— Peter Kunz

FOOTSCRAY v BLACKTOWN 2-0(0-0)

Footscray (4-3-3)

Boland (4)

Hazabent (3)	Kondaros (4)	Kyriakouleas (3)	Milne (3)
Jovanovic (4)	O'Reilly (3)	Ilioski (2)	
Lujic (3)	Licanin (3)	Cozzella (2)	

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Burrows (2)	Jones (2)	
Selvage (3)	Culina (3)	O'Donnell (3)
Pollard (3)	Pointer (3)	Milovanovic (3)
		Djordjevic (2)
		James (3)

Blacktown (4-4-2)

Replacements: Rasmussen (46m) for Pollard, Cuk (77m) for Wheatley, Kakantonis (77m) for Licanin.
Goals: 1-0 Ilioski (53m), 2-0 Kakantonis (83m).
Referee: J. Fearn — Crowd: 2,200 — Cautions: Pollard, Burrows, O'Donnell, Kyriakouleas.

A dramatic loss of form after halftime saw Blacktown Demons drop two crucial points against fellow relegation strugglers Footscray Eagles.

It was a match Blacktown should have won, after proving their superiority in a composed first half in which they had the Eagles back pedalling.

But Blacktown coach Rale Basic, returning to his beloved Footscray, said in his post-mortem that if a side doesn't take its chances it cannot win games.

As for real chances the Demons had very few, but having won all of 75 percent of possession in the first half it was frustrating to find Footscray's defence inspired by Jim Kon-

darios and more than ably supported by Dennis Boland, in supreme control.

But as has been the case for much of the season, it was in defence that Blacktown relied and while having little trouble in the first half it was their defence that ultimately let them down.

The unusually large crowd on hand to witness the debut of Yugoslav recruit Negoja Licanin were disappointed, as neither he nor Cozzella nor Lujic could make headway.

But new Socceroo Rob Wheatley, after an inspired opening half, was

substituted 25 minutes into the second as the Demons defence was carved open with ridiculous ease on many occasions.

As Footscray increased the tempo, the aggressive hard tackling Blacktown began to wilt under the pressure with Wheatley the main offender.

Relying on the subtle skills of enigmatic midfielder Jovanovic, coach Cerkovic's plans to break Blacktown's well organised off-side trap ultimately decided the game.

It was Jovanovic's delicate skills and distinct, well timed

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passes that broke the wall of on-rushing defenders several times.

Lujic, who welcomed the service, was the main recipient down the left flank.

The opener came after 53 minutes when Lujic got Ilioski away just over the half way and the latter sent a majestic lob over the advancing Bruce James.

Jovanovic decided the issue ten minutes from the end with a fine ball that sent Lujic away down the left again.

He ran deep and squared his pass for substitute Kakantonis to hammer into the net for the final scoreline of 2-0.

— Rod Bowles

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE REPORT

By Paul James



EAGLES ENRAGED

Melita president Emmanuel Said is upset at what he calls the "petty attitude" of the NSW Federation.

Emmanuel's displeasure with the Federation stems from an incident four weeks ago in a third grade mat-

ch against North Sydney.

With five minutes to go and Melita leading 4-1, the coach, a new man to the position who had been appointed after coaching in the amateur league for several years, decided to give his reserve goalkeeper a run.

The trouble is that he had already made two substitutions.

North Sydney subsequently appealed and the NSW Federation recently forwarded its decision to the Melita club: a fine of \$100 and the loss of both points.

"We are most upset about the decision of the Federation to fine us \$100," Emmanuel said.

"We can accept that the two points should be taken away, but the fine is a petty act," he said.

Emmanuel said the coach had not made the third substitution as a deceptive act.

"We were already 4-1 ahead with only five minutes to go when he made the substitution," Emmanuel said.

"He later explained in a letter to the Federation that in amateur games it was common practice to allow three substitutions in youth team games and he thought the same applied in the NSW Federation.

"The man admitted he made an honest mistake, and yet the Federation penalised us."

"I think it is unfair and discriminatory," Emmanuel said.

"What action has been taken against St. George after the disgraceful incident in the match against us when their coach ran onto the field to berate the referee after we scored a goal?

"We haven't heard of anything, and yet when our third grade coach makes a mistake, the club suffers a \$100 fine.

"If the Federation is

short of money, then I think they should get off their backsides and do something constructive towards getting sponsorships and so on rather than persecuting their own clubs," he said.

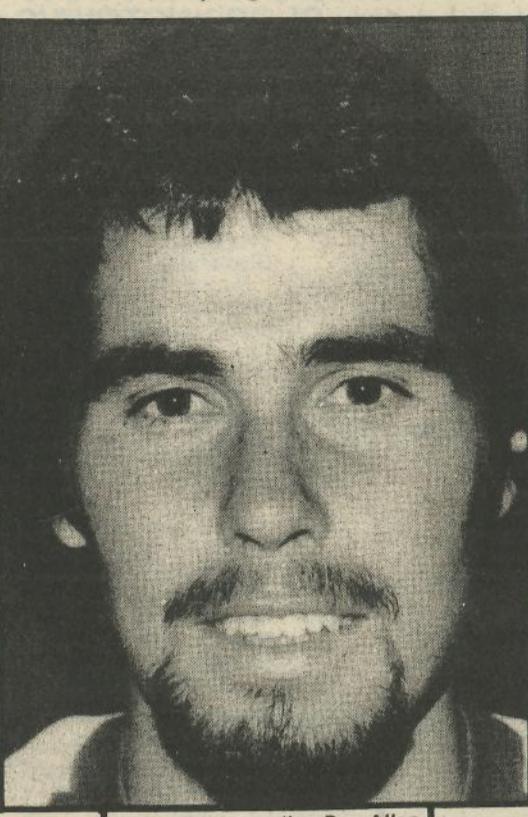
Melita have announced that they now own their soccer team and have taken over the lease of Everley Park from the Phoenician Social Club.

"The Phoenician Club, which is the major Maltese social club, recently decided to cut back its soccer commitments," Emmanuel said.

"The soccer club decided to step in and set up a company to buy the players' contracts and everything to do with the club, including the lease for the ground."

"Last weekend the whole matter was finalised and so the Phoenician Club, after several years of support, is no longer backing us."

"But we hope to retain a link with the club through having social events there throughout the year," he said.



Melita Eagles striker Don Allan.

State League still value for money

Former Manly president George Dick is a great believer in the State League as a grooming ground for young players.

But he also feels the State League has something to offer the fans in terms of entertainment.



"I don't think enough emphasis is given to the fact that a lot of State League games are very entertaining," he said.

"I've seen several State League games this year, including games other than those involving Manly, and the standard of play has been most enjoyable," he said.

"Personally I think the Philips League standard is a bit phoney."

"I think there is too much going on reputation rather than what they deliver each week."

"The State League games are often much faster and provide more goalmouth incidents than the Philips League ones."

"From what we can see on TV each week, the PSL seems to be a collection of teams playing 'nice' football," George said.

"There seems to be acres of room for players to move and the marking is diabolical," he said.

George said the evidence of this showed up in the national team.

"The national team players seemed to lack urgency," he said.

"There are far too many sides in the PSL that base themselves on defence and hope for breakaway goals."

"Nearly every State League side goes out each week to attack."

"That's why we have results where sides like Manly, Parramatta, Auburn and Bankstown can score good wins."

"Because they go forward."

"They may suffer some defeats, but each week they seem to keep on plugging away and eventually it pays off."

"You'd expect Parramatta to be defending like mad each week, but they still start every game with a positive attitude," he said.

George said he felt there wasn't enough publicity of the fact that the State League did provide entertainment.

"In the same breath that people say the State League contains some of the most exciting talent in the State, if not



Manly's David Jack

Australia, they put down the standard of play as poor."

"It doesn't make sense," he said.

"We have some exciting young players in every club, plus some of the greats of Australia's past who can still have so much effect on a game."

"It's an old argument, but the results of the State League teams in the Philips Cup have by no means been disgraceful."

"They pushed the 'glamour' clubs all the way and I don't see why people insist there is such a gap in standards."

"Teams like Croatia and Melita can draw thousands to their games because people know they get value for money."

"I don't think that point can be hammered home hard enough," George added.

Bob said some people had been suggesting

"If there is one thing I see that could cause the downfall of the State League it is the ludicrous transfer and payment system at present operating," said Parramatta coach Bob Wall.

Bob said he felt the transfer system was something that needed urgent attention by the NSW Federation.

"It is a serious topic that needs discussion," he said.

"The Federation has to act to bring some sanity into the system."

"I feel that a ceiling should be placed on transfers and perhaps even match payments."

"There is just no way the majority of clubs can continue to compete with the wealthier clubs when even an ordinary player can demand \$5,000 signing fee and \$100 a week match payments," Bob said.

Bob said some people had been suggesting

that players should be paid on the number of people they brought through the gates each week.

"But I don't think that would be very fair on the players."

"You couldn't expect them to train three nights a week and then give them \$30 or \$40 for a match."

"And at the State League level you need to train at least three nights a week," he said.

"The market for the State League is small, especially for the district clubs."

"I think some of the wealthier clubs are guilty of over-paying ordinary players and inflating the market with absurd buying sprees of average players."

"They eventually discard most of the players when they find out they aren't good enough, but the damage is done with the initial transfer of \$5,000 or \$6,000."

"The transfer system is definitely something that the Federation should investigate," Bob said.

"I would like to know what the other coaches and clubs feel," he added.

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Fred said the number one priority of the soccer committee at present was to negotiate for more funds from the social club for soccer next year.

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AUBURN TO BATTLE ON

Auburn officials were fuming last week about rumours that have been circulating in the soccer community that the club is about to "fold up".

"The rumours are untrue," said Auburn spokesman Fred Parker.

"The club has no intention of folding up, and we'll definitely be fielding a team in the State League next year," he said.

The rumours, Fred said, seemed to stem from the fact that the Auburn social club had cut the soccer team's

grant by half this year. As a result the soccer club had no alternative but to start pruning some areas of their playing staff.

"We had to abandon plans to run teams in the Federation U14, 15 and 16 competitions," Fred said.

"And there were some other areas that suffered cut-backs."

"But to say that the soccer club is fast approaching extinction is blatantly untrue," he said.

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Polonia comes down with a thud

"We have recently come down to earth with a thud," said Polonia spokesman Gerry Charbowski.

"We've dropped down the table a bit and the losses have brought us back to our senses," he said.

Gerry said that the early successes this year of the team had given the club the hope that they might win something in their first year up.

"After we did so well in the Ampol Cup, and then had a string of excellent results in the State League's early rounds, we thought that perhaps we could really do something."

"Not that we have given up hope, but while it is mathematically possible for us to get into the top four, the battle will be long and hard."

"And added to that was the worry over the situation in Poland."

"I can tell you that they were very worried for a while, especially with their wives and children still in Poland."

"But now it should only be a short while before their families come to Australia to stay while the players remain with the club," Gerry said.

"Kalinowski has been in excellent form since he first stepped off the plane, while Galas, Szobczyk and Garlowski are all once again finding their form."

"We certainly don't want to be in the relegation zone when the last few rounds are played," he said.

Gerry said he felt the early results were due to the enthusiasm within the club which had been brought on by promotion.

"When we went up from the First Division it was a tremendous lift to us all, that our efforts of the past couple of years had paid off."

"But things came too easily in the first part of the season."

"Now I think the club realises that we have got to keep on working together to achieve our aims," he said.

Gerry said the club had received a minor body blow recently with the 'player revolt' which resulted in the sacking of several reserve team players and the reserve

hoping that we can pick ourselves up," Fred said.

"We think that with the addition of Jim Izatt from Blacktown City and Barry Jones from Marconi we can start to once again play aggressive soccer."

"We'd like to be in the position of a 'nuisance' team, that could have some say in the final outcome of the State League this year, even though we may not be in the top four," he added.

This week we've changed the format for the State Report and given a few clubs the chance to expand on ideas and grievances they have.

Each week we hope to concentrate on issues which the clubs themselves see as being of vital importance to their future.

Next week we will present four more State League clubs.

SPIDER'S NET

With Allan Maher



It will be good to get back to normal at my club, Marconi this week.

Due to Cup games and international fixtures over the last five weeks we have hardly been able to put together any decent training sessions.

From a personal point of view, it will be a good opportunity to get in some honest hard work and maybe eliminate some of the minor problems which I have been having.

I seem to be lacking in the concentration department for the full 90 minutes and this proved costly against both Sydney City and Wollongong.

★ ★ ★
What a pity last week's Cup match against the Sliders had to be decided on penalties.

With the two clubs being so competitive, I'm sure all 22 players would have preferred a replay.

But it wasn't to be and we managed to make life a bit difficult for young Tony Pezzano by knocking in five of the best penalties you'll ever see.

Every one of them hit the side-netting giving him no chance whatsoever.

★ ★ ★
During the last month or so there has been a lot of talk about my successor for the Australia No. 1 jersey.

PSL coaches, critics and journalists all had their penny's worth and no less than seven goalkeepers have been mentioned as having

the "necessary credentials."

Now we accept the critics' and journalists' views for what they are worth — and which PSL coach would be worth his salt if he didn't think and say he had the best players in the country?

But still, none of the mentioned goalies have proved that they have what is required to be successful at international level.

All seven are good goalies in their own right and have their good or weak points.

Ask any coach what would be the most important ingredient for a successful team and he'd start off with a good goalkeeper.

None are in very high ranking PSL teams and until they prove to be more consistent, candidates is all they will be.

★ ★ ★
One player who caught my eye last Sunday was Glen Fontana from Wollongong.

He is related to one of the Marconi Board members and certainly forgot about his relatives while he was on the park.

I think Ken Morton did us a great favor by pulling him off in the second half because until then he was causing all sorts of problems for our defence.

★ ★ ★
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LETTERS

We are writing this letter to bring to the attention of the soccer hierarchy and enthusiasts an appalling incident which occurred at Sunday's Olympic v Leichhardt match at Pratten Park.

We watched in horror, along with the 5,000-odd supporters at the game, a Leichhardt-APIA fan being jabbed by the tips of umbrellas and bashed by fists by eight men masquerading as Olympic officials, all wearing official armbands.

The incident occurred when Bill Pirie notched APIA's third and decisive goal.

The APIA fan — who was later taken to hospital — jumped over the fence and ran onto the field, harmlessly and innocently, to congratulate Pirie.

The Olympic officials, as it was quite obvious, took out their frustration and anger on the elderly APIA fan.

We would not be exaggerating if we stated — which we are prepared to repeat in a court of law if required — that the Olympic officials attacked the APIA fan like savage animals at feeding time.

The Olympic club will probably try and justify their officials' barbaric

act by using the excuse that the APIA fan should not have entered the playing field.

Yes, he should not have. But it is quite normal everywhere in the world to apprehend such offenders and escort them from the field.

If it had been an Olympic supporter, would the same officials have acted in the same manner?

No, they would not have. But instead, they and their fans would have been the first to run on as they have done on many occasions this season, as Channel 0 could easily provide film evidence from past matches.

If the APIA supporter intends to take out assault charges we will pay all costs involved to see justice being done.

We feel that the Olympic club and the PSL should slap a life ban on the eight attackers.

We will never attend another match at Pratten Park until those responsible for this ugly incident are removed from soccer for good.

Tony Raciti
Joe Leto
Joe Mirigliani
Tony DeCeglie
Carl La Rocca
Haberfield, NSW

Our strange, strange ways in Australian soccer...

Ever since 1977, Philips Industries has been pouring very large sums into soccer — about \$300,000 a year — to maintain the Philips League.

Then the ASF turns around — and endorses a product of their rival.

HELLENIC HOUSE BID

Hellenic House, once the home of Pan Hellenic Soccer Club and for years the meeting place of the NSW Federation, is reportedly up for sale.

The latest issue of a Sydney Greek-language newspaper, "Vema" claims that the directors are considering a \$3,000,000 offer from a developer.

The Greek newspaper also claims that the man who introduced the developer to the Board is none other than Sir Arthur George — once the president of the club.

If the offer is accepted, the building site and some adjoining property will be re-developed by commercial interests.

FREEKICK IN TEETH...

A JVC spokesman in Sydney could not say how much his company had paid to the ASF for the endorsement.

"All I know is that it was negotiated on our behalf by West Nally in London."

Philips Industries, of course, also make home video equipment — probably the best in the world.

Let us suppose that JVC have paid around \$10,000 for the endorsement — probably less.

Since 1977 Philips have put close to \$1,500,000 into Australian soccer.

And all they get for that is an indirect freekick in the teeth...

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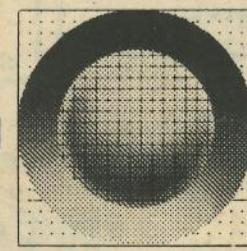
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GRADE 2

Croatia	12	2	—	38	10	26
St.George	12	1	—	56	5	25
Melita	10	1	2	35	9	21
Sutherland	7	3	3	20	11	17
Canterbury	4	4	6	24	13	13
Monaro	5	2	6	21	27	12
Polonia	5	2	6	16	22	12
Riverwd.	5	2	8	15	25	12
N.Sydney	4	2	8	15	25	10
Manly	4	1	8	18	23	9
Auburn	4	—	9	10	25	8
Avala	3	2	8	15	32	8
P'matta	4	—	10	13	33	8
Bankstwn	3	—	10	15	33	6

GRADE 1

Croatia	7	3	3	20	11	17
St.George	5	2	6	21	27	12
Melita	5	2	6	16	22	12
Sutherland	5	2	8	15	25	12
Canterbury	5	2	8	15	25	10
Monaro	5	2	8	15	25	8
Polonia	5	2	8	15	25	6
Riverwd.	5	2	8	15	25	4
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P'matta	4	—	10	13	33	8
Bankstwn	3	—	10	15	33	6

GRADE 3

Kuringai	14	—	—	69	10	28
Gladesvl.	8	4	1	31	13	20
Guildfrd.	8	3	3	26	23	19
Fry.Mdw.	9	1	4	31	26	19
Bathurst	7	2	4	25	17	16
Penrith	7	2	5	31	24	16
Woll.Utd.	7	2	5	31	24	16
Moorebk	8	1	1	30	19	12
Artemon	5	2	—	25	3	12
Kingsford	3	4	—	17	6	10
Padstow	4	2	2	16	7	10
Wentl.	3	4	1	17	11	10
Hurstv.	4	1	2	10	11	9
Bondi	3	3	3	15	17	9
Fairfld.K.	4	—	5	17	16	8
East.Crk.	4	—	3	9	9	8
Syd.Uni	2	1	4	5	10	5
Port Hack.	2	1	5	9	27	5
Paddingt.	1	2	6	17	4	2
W.Ryde	1	2	5	8	20	4
Chullora	—	1	7	4	22	1

GRADE 2

St.George	9	3	1	41	8	21
Melita	9	2	2	29	10	20
Croatia	8	3	1	24	10	19
C'bury	8	3	3	24	12	19
Riverwd.	7	3	3	22	11	17
Sutherland	7	2	4	23	14	16
Manly	5	3	5	26	18	13
Bankstwn	5	3	5	15	19	13
N.Sydney	5	3	5	18	25	13
P'matta	2	4	7	9	30	8
Auburn	2	3	8	11	27	7
Polonia	2	2	9	7	22	6
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Monaro	1	2	9	10	29	4

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St.George	5	—	7	18	18	10
Croatia	3	4	4	19	30	10
N.Sydney	1	2	9	12	32	4
P'matta	1	1	9	7	32	3
Avala	1	1	10	10	38	3

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Kuringai	9	3	2	23	8	21
Yugal	8	4	2	29	16	20
Blacktwn.	8	2	3	22	7	18
Fry.Mdw.	7	4	3	24	13	18
Bathurst	7	2	5	17	20	16
Warringah	4	5	5	25	24	13
Penrith	4	4	5	13	20	12
Gladesvl.	3	4	7	12	19	10
Guildfrd.	3	2	8	15	24	10
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Bathurst	1	6	6	10	26	8
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MELITA SET FOR UPSET

— By Paul James

The match of the round this week is undoubtedly the Melita-Croatia clash at Everley Park on Sunday.

Apart from being a top of the table clash it is also the official opening of Melita's new ground with all the pomp such an occasion demands.

Melita will be desperate to get both points from the Croatia side, to reduce the four point gap between themselves and the Sains.

Croatia struggled last week against Riverwood, but still managed to have the will-power to get the winner at the end.

Melita have been scoring goals regularly and it wouldn't surprise to see them tip Croatia for the first time this year.

We tip a Melita win 2-1.

Riverwood are at home to the unpredictable Parramatta this week.

Parramatta came back from the death against Auburn to win 3-2 and show they have more spirit than many people give them credit.

Riverwood have improved dramatically and they pushed Croatia all the way, even creating several scoring chances themselves.

It won't be easy for Riverwood, but we see them having enough in hand to win this one.

Riverwood to win 2-0.

Bankstown and Sutherland meet on Sunday at the Soccer Centre and should provide an exciting clash of some of the best young talent in the League.

Bankstown were a little rocked by their loss last week, whereas Sutherland are growing in confidence with some handy wins recently.

Sutherland's more aggressive attack should carry them through in a 3-1 win.

A shattered Avala travel to Queanbeyan on Sunday to play Monaro and can only be hoping their players can pull themselves together.

Coach Doug Utjesenovic has massive headaches with his team and Monaro are certain to worsen them.

We see the nuggety Monaro team taking two points in a 2-0 win.

St. George play hosts to Manly, who put up a fine struggle in their first round match before going down 2-0.

Manly's handsome win last week will put them in the right frame of mind to tackle the Saints.

St. George's goalscorer machine again swept

aside the opposition last week but we think they'll meet unexpectedly tough resistance from the seadiders.

We tip Saints to win 2-0 again.

Polonia are starting to settle down with the right blend of overseas stars and local talent as was shown by their win last

St. George went on another goal spree last weekend, this time destroying Avala in what was their biggest win of the year.

The Saints' main challengers for the title, Croatia, were held to a 1-0 win by the ever improving Riverwood.

Melita defeated Bankstown 4-0 on Sunday, and in other results Manly beat Canterbury 4-1, Polonia defeated North Sydney 4-0 and Parramatta won 3-2 against Auburn.

In the only Saturday game played, Sutherland beat Monaro 2-0.

A hat-trick from Mark Barton spearheaded St. George's 7-0 win over Avala.

Billy Griffiths, Peter Stone, Villy Kanacki and Dez Marton each scored in the victory, with the Saints outclassing the Avala side.

A last gasp goal by replacement forward Bobby Pagano gave Croatia a vital 1-0 win over Riverwood.

A 1,000 strong crowd braved the rain to see Riverwood stretch Croatia to the limit, but lose the points three minutes from time.

Riverwood's defence continually thwarted Croatia, and John Lee and Billy Bulloch were very constructive in forward moves.

Croatia were unable to find the space they require to play their open style of football, and often found themselves pushed into defence.

Striker Peter Hensman looked dangerous in the first half, but it was the introduction of Pagano with 20 minutes to go that fired Croatia into a final assault and paid dividends when his header hit the back of the net.

Manly came from behind to post an im-

pressive 4-1 victory over the high riding Canterbury, despite having Bob Geoghegan sent off by referee Terry Seacy half an hour from the end.

Chris Thannidis opened the scoring for Canterbury, but Manly hit back with goals from Greg Chapman, David Jack, Stuart Regan and an own goal from Steve Kable.

Polonia showed much more experience than North Sydney beating them 4-0 with goals from Graham Sookee, Anita Budini, Gary Noble and another own goal from North defender Robbie Luchchisi.

On a heavy ground and in drizzling rain, Melita Eagles scored an easy four goal victory over Bankstown in a one-sided match at Everley Park.

Led by defender-cum-midfielder Greg McCoy, the Eagles ran away to a three-goal lead at half-time and even when they eased up in the second

AVALA v ST.GEORGE 0-7(0-4)

Avala: Ahrens, Lembray, Turnbull, Bateman, Brown, Ruiz, Gogic, Sharfegger, Samuels, Pearson, Yousiph.

St. George: Fraser, Duarte, Terry, Barton, Rylands, McDonald, Davies (Marton 70m), Stone, Campbell, Griffiths, Kanacki.

Goals: 1-0 Griffiths (9m), 0-2 Barton (22m), 0-3 Stone (24m), 0-4 Kanacki (pen., 38m), 0-5 Barton (80m), 0-6 Barton (82m), 0-7 Barton (86m).

Referee: R. Lorenc; **crowd:** 350.

RIVERWOOD v CROATIA 0-1(0-0)

Riverwood: Hansell, Wignall, Mikas, Butcher, Hooper, Savor, Lee, Tracey, Kumasz, Langdon, Bullock.

Croatia: Watson, A. Kovacic, M. Kovacic, Sterry, Dobson, Coleman, Czolnowski, Rezzo (Pagano 70m), Parker, Hensman.

Goals: 0-1 Pagano (87m).

Referee: D. Rennie; **crowd:** 1,207.

MANLY v CANTERBURY 4-1(1-1)

Manly: Ellis, K. Falconer, Doyle, Emery, Kramer, Geoghegan (sent off), Stuart (Fox 78m), Jack, Reagan, Chapman (Hiscock 85m), Palamara.

Canterbury: McPherson, Kable, Laws, Barton, Lane (Karaspiros 18m), Bourke, Gill, Binns (Georgiou 63m), Williams, Basterfield, Thannidis.

Goals: 1-0 Thannidis (1m), 1-1 Chapman (20m), 2-1 Kable (o.g. 50m), 3-1 Jack (83m), 4-1 Reagan (88m).

Referee: T. Seacey; **crowd:** 250; **cautions:** Doyle, Geoghegan, Laws, Lane; **sent off:** Geoghegan.

AUBURN v PARRAMATTA 2-3(2-1)

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Parramatta: Donovan, Fairclough, Biglands, Bates, Lackey, Hamilton, Hynes, Roden, Herron, Montgomery, Brizuela (Crawford 67m).

Goals: 0-1 Herron (14m), 1-1 Bertman (25m), 1-2 Izatt (41m), 2-2 Fairclough (61m), 2-3 Crawford (81m).

Referee: W. Phelps; **crowd:** 150; **caution:** Hamilton.

NTH.SYDNEY v POLONIA 0-4(0-3)

Norths: Lilli, Lucchisi, Gibson, J. Battalico, Matheson, Steven, McGinn, Dale, Termasana (O'Rourke 46m), Wilson, Mitchell.

Polonia: Kalinowski, Zounis, Maitre, Galas, R. Budini, Garlowski, Pahor (Lemanczyk 46m), Noble, Szobczyk, Sookee, A. Budini (Jirsa 80m).

Goals: 0-1 Sookee (20m), 0-2 A. Budini (22m), 0-3 Noble (30m), 0-4 Lucchisi (o.g. 57m).

Referee: B. Fowler; **crowd:** 721; **cautions:** Salgardo, Meades; **sent off:** Santolin.

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FROM THE PRESS BOX

One of the most hackneyed cliches in present-day soccer is "professionalism."

Everybody uses the term but few understand its meaning. To most, it merely means getting paid for a job.

Please note: nobody talks about efficiency, thoroughness, eye for detail, let alone results.

Everybody tells us that what we need is "professionalism," paying an amateur wages for doing a job badly.

A Monty Python scriptwriter would find it hard to match many of the comic aspects of our various soccer administration.

Except that few of us are laughing anymore.

Some of the administrative glitches make you wonder whether they are caused by mere inefficiency, crass stupidity, darkly plotted sabotage or a mélange of the three rolled into one.

Recent samples:

1. The Canberra v Olympic Philips Cup match had to be replayed after one of the teams (the losers) protested against the delayed-action order to take penalties, following an abortive extra time.

Tim Davies, who refereed the match, told us that at no stage did he receive written instructions about the procedures in case of a draw.

Why did he then order the penalties to be taken, some 5 or 10 minutes after the teams had gone off the field?

"The PSL office rang trying to find out who won," he said, "and, when they heard there were no penalties, hit the roof. So there had to be penalties."

Further odd aspects of this match: Davies was told, in writing, that the game would start at 8pm; one of the local linesman was told, in writing (by his own referees association) about a 7.30pm start.

Davies says nobody had protested to him from the two teams BEFORE the penalties were taken; only Olympic did, AFTER they lost the spot-kick race.

Yet the game was ordered to be replayed and Davies, an innocent party in this series of goofs, made look silly.

2. The draw for the next round of the Philips Cup ("this will be our glamor event," we were told some months ago...) was made in the ASF offices last Friday week (May 22).

Then — they forgot to tell the Press and public about it until the day before the match...

Technically, the Cup is run not by the PSL but by the ASF but the routine matters are looked after by the PSL office.

Were they supposed to make a quick press release on it or was it the ASF/PSL Marketing's job?

And yet, if these various administrative offices had one good pressman on their staff with a bit of knowledge of the game, he could have sent out, on the ASF telex, a brief item at once to AAP.

AAP, in case you don't know, is well equipped to relay such items to all newspaper, radio and TV

groups, within minutes.

This obviously wasn't done.

The Cup, our "glamor event" which, we were told, would be like the "FA Cup" (that Monty Python storyline again) is a shamefully confused and confusing shambles, run as an afterthought and treated as a nuisance.

Only the Philips Youth League gets shabbier treatment.

3. This Youth League was created, we were told, to provide our most talented young players with a semi-professional outlet for their skills.

Everyone was "excited" about this League — except perhaps those who created it.

To this very day it's impossible to find out who's responsible for publicising it.

Actually, no one.

Very frequently, two days after the matches, nobody is sure of the results — including the clubs.

Several weeks ago former Sydney City soccer secretary Peter Russell, still a passionate soccer fanatic, actually offered to handle the Youth League publicity — gratis.

He would have helped the PSL/ASF/etc. to run the show, collect the results, pass them on to the Press, etc.

He's still waiting for an answer.

4. The plot is thickening and assuming international proportions.

Some weeks ago Sydney City secretary David Childs approached World Youth Cup executive officer Brian Emery with a generous offer.

He suggested that the Slickers' splendid home ground, the Athletic Field, could be used by either England or Argentina who will play in the Sydney group in October.

Furthermore, he said, the club's luxurious

facilities, such as dining room, swimming pool, etc. etc. would be also available for the team whenever they wanted to relax.

Why England or Argentina? Well, the Hakoah club (what a terrible thing to put down on paper but there is such a club) has many members with British links and quite a few with South American and Spanish background.

So, it seemed to David Childs, that either of these two guest teams would fit the bill perfectly.

For once, the ASF acted quickly. Last week Childs got a "Dear David" letter from Emery, thanking him for his generous offer and advising that the Hakoah club has been allocated, as a guest — Cameroun...

Why Cameroun? ("Please, where is Cameroun?" one stunned official asked me).

Here is the logic. Cameroun will stay at a motel which is half a mile closer to the Athletic Field than the motel of Argentina or England...

You want us to go on? We could. With similar or even more hair-raising examples of maladroit administrative decisions.

If these are a reliable preview of things to come before and during the October World Youth Cup, we'll be the laughing stock of international soccer.

We are going about it the right way.

— Andrew Dettre

PHILIPS



PHILIPS CUP

MARCONI v SYDNEY CITY
7-6 (2-2)

Marconi: Maher, Degney, Prskalo, Mariani, Brogan, Henderson, Byrne, Housseini (Muir 74m), Sharne, Krnecovic, Jankovics.

Sydney City: Pezzano, Mullen, Spanos, O'Connor, Bruce, Patikas, (Cant 79m), Souness, Barnes, Watson (Murray 104m), Kosmina, Boden. Goals: 1-0 Sharne (29m), 1-1 Boden (46m), 1-2 Boden (100m), 2-2 Krnecovic (102m).

Penalties scored: Byrne, Mariani, Henderson, Sharne, Jankovics (for Marconi), Barnes, Souness, Bruce, Boden (Sydney City).

Referee: R. Lorence — Crowd: 1,800 — Cautions: Prskalo, Byrne, Spanos, Kosmina, Brogan, Mullen.

— J.M.

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